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Dear Mr. Thomas:

Reference is made to your letter of November 25, 1977, requesting a contribution of \$49,995 from the United States to replenish ICEM's Cash Reserve.

As you are aware, any contribution the United States might be in a position to make for this purpose would for technical reasons have to be applied to the ICEM budget for program year 1978. Your appeal will be taken into account as we consider the level of the U.S. contribution to ICEM's total budget for next year. I can assure you that we will give every consideration to your request based on our understanding of ICEM's rather difficult financial situation.

Sincerely,

Patricia M. Derian
Assistant Secretary for
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Affairs

Mr. John F. Thomas,
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THE DIRECTOR

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

25 November 1977

Madam,

During its Forty-first Session, the Council of ICEM adopted Resolution No. 573 (XLI) on 16 November approving Amendments to the Programme and Budget for 1977 (document MC/1196 and MC/1196/Add.1). The resolution contained the following operative paragraph:

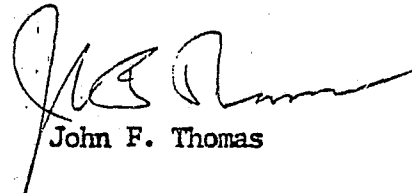
"5. To authorize the Director to withdraw the necessary funds (estimated to be \$150,000) from the Administrative part of the Cash Reserve to balance the Administrative Budget;"

Prior to the adoption of the above-mentioned resolution, the Sub-Committee on Budget and Finance in its Report (MC/1195Add.1) stated:

"11. Accordingly, the Sub-Committee recommended that the Director be authorized to make a special appeal to all Member Governments for an additional contribution to the 1977 Administrative Budget. In so doing, the Sub-Committee acknowledged that the deficit was a direct result of circumstances beyond the Director's control. It further recommended that the scale of assessment for the Administrative Budget be used as a basis for each Member Government to determine what its appropriate contribution might be in response to the appeal ..."

Pursuant to the above-recommendation, I would very much appreciate it if your Government could take the necessary action to make a contribution equal to the Administrative Budget Scale of Assessment of 33.33 per cent or \$49,995 to replenish the Cash Reserve. Payment should be made in US dollars to the credit of the Committee's account (No. 41-680-970) with the Bankers Trust Co., 280 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10015, under appropriate advice.

Accept, Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



John F. Thomas

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